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NIE's and other CIA Research Plans
on "De-Stalinization" - ; O/DDI, OCS, Mr.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Publications and Research Concerning
DeStalinization

1. As I said on the phone this morning, the Board has been chewing over the problem of how to handle the latest Soviet developments best, both from an NIE and an Agency standpoint. We have come up with two points:

a. We do not think a special NIE is desirable, at least for the present. The need is for developing thought, and coordination, especially with the services, tends to tamp it down. However, we do plan to get a much fuller section on it, both from an internal and an external standpoint, into the new basic paper (June) and, to the extent relevant, into the paper on Soviet policy in the underdeveloped areas (May). For this purpose, we will date the contributions and plan to send out supplementary terms of reference if necessary on the basic paper (contributions due today).

b. After a good bull session with Dana's shop, and some discussion with him, we are not clear that the Agency effort is fully trued up as to publication plans, research, and whatever collection is indicated. No doubt we could mosey around and get the whole picture from Bay, Metzl, etc., but we suggest that it would be useful to bring together all the DD/I talent, at least, to see if we are doing just what. Perhaps this should happen automatically under Dana's mandate, but it doesn't seem to be. The primary purpose of such a meeting should be to make clear publication and research plans, but there may also be some oddball gimmicks -- I know [] [] has an idea that GCI is not fully exploiting one particular type of evidence.

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